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Form 10-300
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Clarke	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Fairfield	
AND/OR HISTORIC: Fairfield	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: .2 mi. S of Rt. 340, .2 mi. E of intersection with Rt. 610.			
CITY OR TOWN: (Berryville vicinity)			
STATE Virginia	CODE 45	COUNTY: Clarke	CODE 043

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME Fairfield Farm Corporation, John D. Richardson, President	
STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 169 Box 407	
CITY OR TOWN: Berryville	STATE: Virginia & A //
	CODE 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clarke County Courthouse, Clerk's Office	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Berryville	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia
	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fairfield house is presently a five-part complex with a two-and-a-half story hipped roof central block having walls of irregular native limestone ashlar throughout. Twentieth-century additions to the complex include the dormers on the central block, the one-story attached dependencies at the farthest ends of the complex, the additions to the rears of the original one-story wings, and the broad screened-in one-story porch on the garden front; the small one-story portico on the entrance front is a nineteenth-century addition.

The plan of the central block is a striking parallel to that of Kenmore, having the drawing room extended across three of the five bays on the garden front, with two nearly square rooms in the other corners. The stairhall is arranged almost precisely as that of Kenmore, the stairway ascending in the same manner, and having a similar balustrade detail. Fairfield lacks the rich plaster-work decoration of Kenmore, but the surviving woodwork and panelling in the principal rooms is of fine quality. The drawing room chimney-piece features a panelled overmantel flanked by Doric pilasters on pedestals.

Fairfield retains a number of old outbuildings, none of which can be positively dated from the eighteenth century. The most interesting is the large brick, frame and stone barn to the south of the house. A much enlarged and altered early overseer's house stands to the east of the main house. Fairfield's extensive gardens are ornamented with an abundance of fine English boxwood, some of which is believed to have survived from the eighteenth century. The pastoral setting of the entire complex is quite beautiful and unspoiled.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☒ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Around 1765 Warner Washington (1715-1791) married Hannah Fairfax, daughter of William Fairfax of Belvoir. Washington, who was a grandson of Lawrence Washington (d. 1697/98) and therefore a first cousin of George Washington, had previously been married to Elizabeth Mason of New Kent County. About the time of Warner Washington's second marriage, he acquired some 1600 acres from his brother-in-law, George William Fairfax, in a part of Frederick County that later became Clarke County. On this tract, called Fairfield, Warner Washington erected the massive stone mansion which probably was completed by 1770. George Washington visited his cousin at Fairfield on numerous occasions, as the General's diaries indicate.

Fairfield has a close architectural kinship to several Tidewater Virginia houses, most notably Kenmore. It has been suggested that the appearance of Fairfield may have been influenced by John Arris, an architect from Westmoreland County who was living in the vicinity of Fairfield at the time it is believed to have been built. Regardless of the design source of Fairfield, it remains one of the largest and most impressive of the interesting group of stone colonial mansions in northern Virginia. Its historic significance is greatly enhanced by its associations with the first President and his family.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ford, Worthington Chauncey, ed., The Washington Family. New York: 1893.
 Waterman, Thomas Tileston, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776. New York: Bonanza Books, 1945.
 Wayland, John W., Historic Homes of Northern Virginia. Staunton, Va.: The McClure Company, Inc., 1937.
 Wayland, John W., The Washingtons and Their Homes. Staunton, Va.: 1944.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	39 ° 11 ' 37 "	77 ° 56 ' 45 "			
NE	39 ° 11 ' 37 "	77 ° 55 ' 43 "			
SE	39 ° 10 ' 30 "	77 ° 55 ' 43 "			
SW	39 ° 10 ' 30 "	77 ° 56 ' 45 "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 560 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE: November 19, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond

STATE: Virginia

CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name: Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman

Title: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date:

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

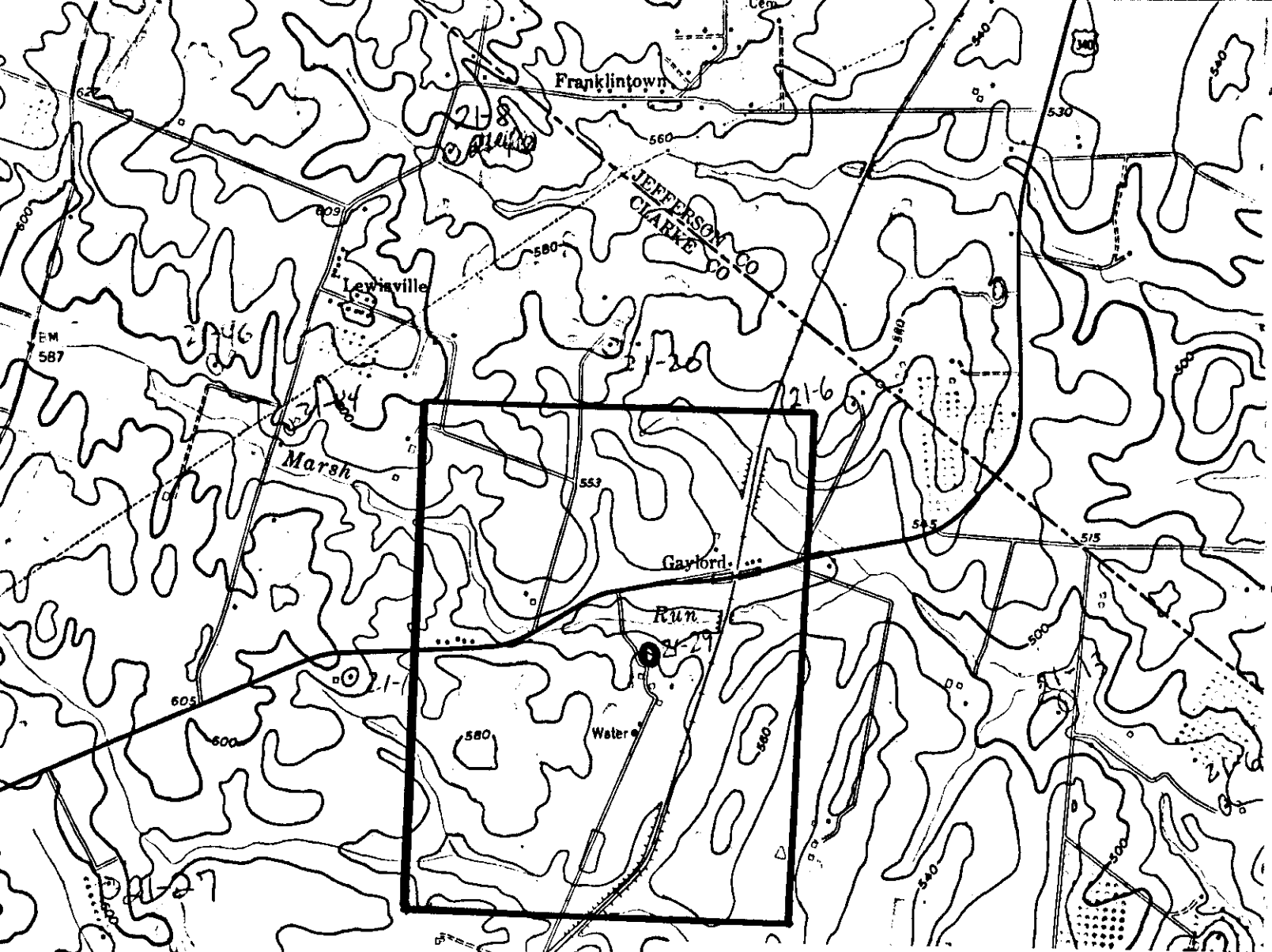
Date:

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date:

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
Berryville, Va.-W.Va. (1955)

Fairfield		Latitude		Longitude	
NW	39° 11' 37"	77° 56' 45"			
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